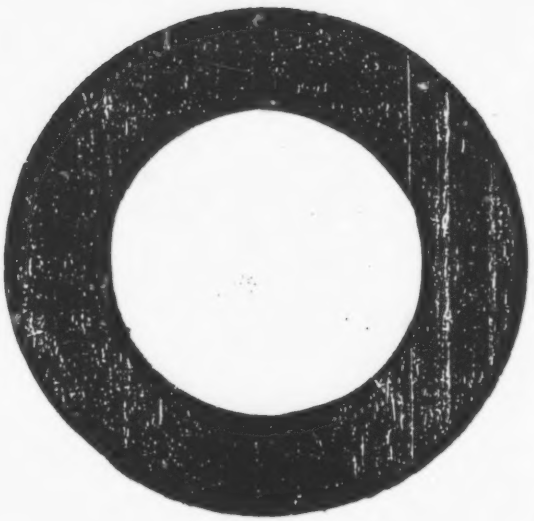

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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

[on the report of the Third Committee (A/45/754)]

45/105. Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its objective set forth in the Charter of the United Nations to achieve international co-operation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

Reaffirming also its firm determination and its commitment to eradicate totally and unconditionally racism in all its forms, racial discrimination and apartheid,

Recalling the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1/ the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, 2/ the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid, 3/ and the Convention against Discrimination in Education adopted by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on 14 December 1960, 4/

1/ Resolution 217 A (III).

2/ Resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.

3/ Resolution 3068 (XXVIII), annex.

4/ United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Records of the General Conference, Eleventh Session, Resolutions, p. 119.

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Recalling also its resolution 3057 (XXVIII) of 2 November 1973, on the first Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, and its resolution 38/14 of 22 November 1983, on the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,

Recalling further the two World Conferences to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, held at Geneva in 1978 and 1983,

Bearing in mind the Report of the Second World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, 5/

Convinced that the Second World Conference represented a positive contribution by the international community towards attaining the objectives of the Decade, through its adoption of a Declaration 6/ and an operational Programme of Action 6/ for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,

Noting with concern that, despite the efforts of the international community, the principal objectives of the first Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination were not attained and that millions of human beings continue to this day to be the victims of varied forms of racism, racial discrimination and apartheid,

Recalling its resolutions 39/16 of 23 November 1984, 42/47 of 30 November 1987, 43/91 of 8 December 1988 and 44/52 of 8 December 1989,

Emphasizing once again the necessity of attaining the objectives of the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,

Having considered the note by the Secretary-General 7/ and his report 8/ submitted within the framework of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade,

Firmly convinced of the need to take more effective and sustained international measures for the elimination of all forms of racism and racial discrimination and the total eradication of apartheid in South Africa,

Regretting that certain activities of the Second Decade scheduled for the period 1985-1989 have not been implemented owing to a lack of financial resources,

Recognizing the importance of strengthening, where necessary, national legislation and institutions for the promotion of racial harmony,

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5/ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.83.XIV.4 and corrigendum.

6/ Ibid., chap. II.

7/ A/45/525.

8/ A/45/443.

Aware of the importance and the magnitude of the phenomenon of migrant workers, as well as the efforts undertaken by the international community to improve the protection of the human rights of migrant workers and their families,

Welcoming the Declaration on Apartheid and its Destructive Consequences in Southern Africa, 9/ unanimously adopted by the General Assembly at its sixteenth special session, on 14 December 1989, which offers guidelines on how to end apartheid,

1. Declares once again that all forms of racism and racial discrimination, particularly in their institutionalized form, such as apartheid, or resulting from official doctrines of racial superiority or exclusivity, are among the most serious violations of human rights in the contemporary world and must be combated by all available means;

2. Decides that the international community, in general, and the United Nations, in particular, should continue to give the highest priority to programmes for combating racism, racial discrimination and apartheid and intensify their efforts, during the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, to provide assistance and relief to the victims of racism and all forms of racial discrimination and apartheid, especially in South Africa and in occupied territories and territories under alien domination;

3. Appeals to all Governments and to international and non-governmental organizations to increase and intensify their activities to combat racism, racial discrimination and apartheid and to provide relief and assistance to the victims of these evils;

4. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General 8/ containing information on the activities of Governments, specialized agencies, regional intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations, as well as United Nations organs, to give effect to the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

5. Notes and commends the efforts made to co-ordinate all the programmes currently under implementation by the United Nations system that relate to the objectives of the Second Decade, and encourages the Co-ordinator for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination to continue his efforts;

6. Welcomes the upcoming publication of the global compilation of national legislation against racism and racial discrimination, 10/ and requests the Secretary-General to transmit it to Governments as soon as possible;

9/ Resolution S-16/1, annex.

10/ HR/PUB/1990/8.

7. Requests the Secretary-General to continue the study on the effects of racial discrimination on the children of minorities, in particular those of migrant workers, in the field of education, training and employment, and to submit, inter alia, specific recommendations for the implementation of measures to combat the effects of that discrimination;

8. Recalls the reports of the Secretary-General on the study on the role of private group action to combat racism and racial discrimination; 11/

9. Welcomes the progress made in preparing model legislation for the guidance of Governments in the enactment of further legislation against racial discrimination, and requests the Secretary-General to finalize the text of the model legislation and the handbook of recourse procedures for victims of racial discrimination and to publish and distribute those texts as soon as possible;

10. Renews its invitation to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to expedite the preparation of teaching materials and teaching aids to promote teaching, training and education activities on human rights and against racism and racial discrimination, with particular emphasis on activities at the primary and secondary levels of education;

11. Takes note of the study by the Special Rapporteur of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities on the results achieved and obstacles encountered during the first Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination and the first half of the Second Decade; 12/

12. Requests the Secretary-General to publish the study of the Special Rapporteur and distribute it on as wide a scale as possible;

13. Considers that all the parts of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination should receive equal attention in order to attain the objectives of the Second Decade;

14. Regrets that part of the programme for the period 1983-1989 has not yet been implemented because of lack of adequate resources, as indicated in the report of the Secretary-General to the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1990; 13/

15. Requests the Secretary-General to implement immediately those activities scheduled for the period 1985-1989 not yet carried out and to proceed with the implementation of the activities scheduled for the biennium 1990-1991;

11/ A/41/550, A/43/631 and A/44/575.

12/ A/45/525, annex.

13/ See E/1990/50, para. 31.

16. Affirms once again the need for the implementation of the plan of activities proposed for the period 1990-1993 contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 42/47;

17. Requests the Secretary-General, pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 42/47 and 44/52, to ensure that the necessary and additional resources are included in the programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991 and in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 to provide for the implementation of the activities of the Second Decade;

18. Also requests the Secretary-General to inform the General Assembly of the steps taken in regard to the provisions of paragraph 17 above;

19. Further requests the Secretary-General to continue to accord the highest priority, in executing the plan of activities, to measures for combating apartheid;

20. Calls upon Governments to encourage positive change in South Africa based on the guidelines set out in the Declaration on Apartheid and its Destructive Consequences in Southern Africa, 9/ in particular by maintaining existing measures against South Africa until there is clear evidence of profound and irreversible change;

21. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to accord special attention to the situation of migrant workers and their families and to include regularly in his reports all information on such workers;

22. Invites all Governments, United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies and other intergovernmental organizations, as well as interested non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, to participate fully in the activities scheduled for the periods 1985-1989 and 1990-1993 and not yet carried out, by intensifying and broadening their efforts to bring about the speedy elimination of apartheid and all forms of racism and racial discrimination;

23. Considers that voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund for the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination are indispensable for the implementation of the above-mentioned programmes;

24. Notes once again with regret that the present situation of the Trust Fund is not encouraging;

25. Strongly appeals, therefore, to all Governments, organizations and individuals in a position to do so to contribute generously to the Trust Fund, and to this end requests the Secretary-General to continue to undertake appropriate contacts and initiatives to encourage contributions;

26. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Second Decade, 8/ and reiterates its request to the Economic and Social Council, throughout the Decade, to submit annually to the General Assembly a report containing, inter alia:

(a) An enumeration of the activities undertaken or contemplated to achieve the objectives of the Second Decade, including the activities of Governments, United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies and other international and regional organizations, as well as non-governmental organizations;

(b) A review and appraisal of those activities;

(c) Its suggestions and recommendations;

27. Decides to keep the item entitled "Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination" on its agenda throughout the Second Decade and to consider it as a matter of the highest priority at its forty-sixth session.

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45/106. Implementation of the International Plan of Action on Aging and related activities

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 44/67 and 44/76 of 8 December 1989, and reaffirming all of their relevant provisions, particularly those which endorsed the priorities set and the recommendations made by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1989/50 of 24 May 1989,

Noting that the Economic and Social Council recommended in its resolution 1989/50 the convening of an ad hoc working group of the Commission for Social Development at the Commission's thirty-second session to monitor preparatory activities for the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the International Plan of Action on Aging, 1/

Noting with concern that, although in its resolution 43/93 of 8 December 1988 it recommended that aging should be considered a priority theme in the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, the resources assigned to subprogramme 7 (Aging) of section 8 (Activities on global social development issues) in the programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991 2/ for the Centre for Social Development and

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1/ See Report of the World Assembly on Aging, Vienna, 26 July-6 August 1982 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.82.I.16), chap. VI, sect. A.

2/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/44/6/Rev.1), vol. I.

Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat are not sufficient to implement the programme adequately and to give it the priority recommended,

Also noting with concern that the contributions to the United Nations Trust Fund for Aging have steadily declined since 1982, thereby reducing its resource base, and that unless this trend is reversed and the Fund strengthened, many priority requests will not be met and the implementation of the Plan of Action will be weakened where it is most needed, in developing countries,

Recognizing that the elderly are an asset to society and can contribute significantly to the development process,

Mindful of the need for innovative and effective international co-operation in the field of aging if countries are to achieve self-reliance in responding to the aging of their populations,

Recognizing also the complexity and rapidity of the aging of the world's population and the need to have a common basis and frame of reference for the protection and promotion of the rights of the elderly, including the contribution that the elderly can and should make to society,

Recalling the establishment at Dakar in 1989 of the African Society of Gerontology,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the question of aging, 3/

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the question of aging;

2. Endorses the action programme on aging for 1992 and beyond as outlined in the report of the Secretary-General;

3. Urges Member States, the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned to participate in the action programme on aging for 1992 and beyond, especially in selecting targets in the field of aging, in organizing community-wide activities and in launching an information and fund-raising campaign to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the International Plan of Action on Aging at the local, national, regional and global levels;

4. Endorses the recommendation of the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1989/50 that an ad hoc working group of the Commission for Social Development be convened at the Commission's thirty-second session, in 1991, to monitor the activities for the tenth anniversary, especially the launching of a global information campaign, and the selection of targets that might form the basis

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3/ A/45/420.

of the third review and appraisal of the Plan of Action to be made by the Commission at its thirty-third session, in 1993;

5. Invites Member States, the United Nations and non-governmental organizations to consider innovative and effective ways of co-operating on the selection of targets in the field of aging during 1991 and 1992;

6. Recommends that the Commission for Social Development give consideration to the desirability of convening, subject to the availability of funds, regional and sectoral meetings on the selection of targets in the field of aging during 1991 and 1992 and global consultations in 1993 and 1997, to coincide with the third and fourth quadrennial reviews and appraisals of the implementation of the Plan of Action;

7. Notes with appreciation the work of the recent ad hoc inter-agency meetings on aging, and recommends that inter-agency meetings on aging be convened biennially;

8. Welcomes with appreciation the rapid progress made by the International Institute on Aging, in Malta, in establishing, in close collaboration and co-operation with the United Nations system, as well as with governmental and non-governmental institutions and organizations, programmes that promote in a practical manner the implementation of the Plan of Action, particularly through curriculum development, training courses, a global survey on training and the establishment of an information network, and requests the Secretary-General, in reporting on the question of aging to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session, to inform the Assembly of the activities of the Institute;

9. Takes note with satisfaction of the plans for the establishment of training institutes on aging in Argentina and Yugoslavia and in Central America and the Caribbean;

10. Requests the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat to provide, within existing resources, technical assistance to the African Society of Gerontology;

11. Welcomes global fund-raising initiatives for activities in the field of aging, particularly the proposed establishment in 1991 of an independent foundation on aging under the patronage of the United Nations, to be called the Banyan Foundation, the main goal of which will be to empower the elderly in all world regions to maintain maximum independence and the ability to contribute to society in the context of the Plan of Action, thus serving as a much-needed international fund-raising vehicle for programmes for the aging world wide;

12. Requests the Commission on the Status of Women to consider under the priority theme "development" the positive contributions and specific roles of elderly women in the development of their societies;

13. Notes with appreciation the support given by the United Nations Population Fund to the Aging Unit of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, and urges the Fund to maintain this commitment;

14. Notes with satisfaction the close collaboration of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, as the United Nations focal point on aging, with intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations active in the field of aging, and encourages the Centre to continue to strengthen this collaboration;

15. Designates 1 October as International Day for the Elderly;

16. Urges Governments and non-governmental organizations to contribute to the Trust Fund for Aging;

17. Also urges Governments and non-governmental organizations to contribute human and financial resources through the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs for the co-ordination and implementation of the action programme on aging for 1992 and beyond;

18. Urges the Secretary-General to consider increasing the human and financial resources of the Aging Unit of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs in order to enable it to fulfil its mandate as the United Nations focal point on aging;

19. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session on the implementation of the present resolution;

20. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-sixth session the item entitled "Question of aging".

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